



**WILTSHIRE POLICE  
AMESBURY RURAL NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM  
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BULLETIN  
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**YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM.**

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**A NEW CAR FOR EVERYONE.**

I would like to give each and every reader of this bulletin a new car. Not just any old car, no, I would like to give you all a shiny sleek convertible. You can have any car you like as long as it is a convertible. How about a gorgeous red Ferrari 430 spider? Or a Porsche? Yes, yes what about a Porsche, a silver one or a sleek British racing green Jaguar or a Lamborghini, how about a yellow Lamborghini? I think I'll have an Aston Martin. Yes, a nice green Aston Martin.

You can have any car you like as after all this is all imaginary. No I haven't won the Spanish / Canadian /Mexican lottery. No, you just have to imagine that I have given you a new car and it must be a convertible and the roof must be down. Go on pick a nice one, how about an Aston Martin for you too? So the roof is down and you are driving around in your new supercar. You must all imagine that your car is a supercar with the top down. How cool is that? Now before you make a quick phone call and summon the men in white coats to come and drag me kicking and screaming into the back of a van please bear with me.

There is a reason I have been so generous (imaginatively speaking) for there is a crime prevention tip buried deep within my message.

Imagine you are in your convertible with the roof down and you go shopping or you take the dog for a drive to a nice wood or you pop to the shops to get some sausages or maybe you drive to a field to photograph wild flowers. Are you with me? You park your sleek convertible with the roof down at your destination and get on with whatever it is you are there for.

Before you leave your convertible you look around to see if there is anything left in the car that an opportunist thief may steal. You take everything with you, handbag, wallet, camera, mobile phone, coat, laptop and of course the dog. You couldn't possibly leave anything in your open top sports car could you? It would get nicked wouldn't it?

**To a thief every car is a convertible with the roof down. You leave something in it and he will nick it. Don't. Just don't.**

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**CRIMESTOPPERS – 0800 555 111**

## **INCIDENTS OF NOTE – FEBRUARY 2011.**

### **CHOLDERTON**

**HIGH POST 7<sup>th</sup>** Overnight service station broken into, cigarettes and alcohol stole. Local Man arrested.

### **DEPTFORD**

**7<sup>th</sup>** Overnight thieves stole several Calor Gas bottles from a remote farm location.

### **ORCHESTON**

**11<sup>th</sup>** 3 Polish males arrested on suspicion of stealing a car from Devon.

### **PORTON**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Egg thrown at house in Byford Gardens, no damage caused.

**21<sup>st</sup>** Plant pots tipped over and a solar light broken in Tidworth Road.

**21<sup>st</sup>** Overnight a car was broken into and the stereo was stolen, Porton Business Centre  
**Between 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Porch light stolen from address in Byford Gardens.

### **HURDCOTT**

**10<sup>th</sup>** Garage broken into, power tools stolen.

### **MIDDLE WOODFORD**

**4<sup>th</sup>** Plant pots stolen from Heale House Garden Centre.

**22<sup>nd</sup>** Car damaged following 'road rage' type incident.

### **SHREWTON**

**10<sup>th</sup>** Allegation that Badger setts were interfered with on farmland.

**Between 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>** Thieves tried to steal lead from the Methodist Church, damage caused to roof.

**Between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>** a car was stolen from the High Street.

**Between December and February** heating oil stolen from an address in Furlong Way.

### **TILSHEAD**

**4<sup>th</sup>** Calor Gas cylinders stolen from garage forecourt overnight.

**10<sup>th</sup>** Thief drove off having failed to pay for £91.50 worth of diesel.

**12<sup>th</sup>** 33yr old man arrested on suspicion of causing an affray. Charged and sent to Court.

**13<sup>th</sup>** Garage attacked overnight by four males smashing their way in through the front door. Cigarettes and alcohol stolen.

**IF ANYONE HAS ANY INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE INCIDENTS PLEASE CALL US.**

**IF YOU WANT TO PASS INFORMATION ANONYMOUSLY PLEASE USE CRIMESTOPPERS ON**

**0800 555 111.**

## **AND FINALLY..... BE CAREFUL WITH THAT PIN.**

In this dear old world of ours where the unstoppable colossus that is technological advance drives ever onwards we have more and more reason to be careful.

Our heads must now be full not of joyful thoughts and whimsy but of an endless list of PIN numbers and passwords.

I am forever forgetting mine no matter how simple I make them and feel sure that one day in the future I will leave work and be unable to start my car as my code has not been recognised. When I do arrive home I will be unable to get in as the new front portal access number is incorrect and after three failed attempts I have been permanently barred from entry. Having heaved the cast iron barbecue through a rear window to get in I am greeted by my son who refuses to accept that I am Daddy until I have given him the correct password. Alright, alright perhaps a little far-fetched but you can see what I'm getting at.

When is it all going to end?

Anyway my point is this. Identity theft is growing fast and although you may have your credit card in your pocket it has been proven that someone may be using it on the other side of the world at the same time. How? Well it's relatively simple I understand. Not only that but criminals of today's world know that we all use credit or debit cards and cash point machines. Whether they are putting devices onto the machines or using cunning ruses to watch you key in your PIN doesn't matter. Suffice to say that they are out there trying to get their thieving mitts on your hard earned cash. How many times in a week do you use debit card? All I ask is this. When it comes to the time to input your PIN please make sure nobody is watching.

Put your hand or face or bottom or whatever else you see fit in the way so that no-one else can see you inputting your number. You may look and feel a complete prat but at least your money is safe.

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